

TO: Senate Committee on Human Services Oregon State Capitol 900 Court St. NE Salem Oregon 97301

FROM: Oregon Organic Coalition

SUBJECT: Please support SB 611

My name is Amy Wong and I am the Coalition Director of the Oregon Organic Coalition (OOC).

The OOC, which was incorporated in 2008, works to promote the growth of Oregon's organic industry and community. By bringing together farmers, businesses, and affiliated organizations, OOC provides leadership, advocacy, and support to expand the organic sector.

I am writing to express **support for Senate Bill 611, Food For All Oregonians,** which would ensure youth and elderly Oregonians have access to the food they need to keep them and their families healthy.

The organic concepts of fairness and care can encompass ensuring all of our neighbors, regardless of immigration status, have access to the food they need to keep them and their families healthy, as called for in Senate Bill 611. Many OOC members regularly make in-kind food and other donations to support greater food security and will continue to do so.

We know that when we all have access to food, we're all better off. Kids do better in school, our families' health and well-being improves, and our economy thrives through the support of local businesses. This is true in every corner of Oregon—in rural, urban, and suburban communities alike. When all of our neighbors are getting the food that they need, all of Oregon thrives.

Thank you for your consideration. We urge your support.

Sincerely,

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